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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Previously presented) A method for delivering to a user a shopping list of items for selection by the user at a shopping facility, comprising:

- generating a list of desired items at a location remote from the shopping facility;
- transmitting the list via an e-mail to a first computer;
- storing the list in a user data file on the first computer and associating the list with previous lists in the user data file;
- retrieving the list at the shopping facility from the user data file using a kiosk which communicates with the first computer; and
- delivering the list to the user at the shopping facility in a user perceptible format.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, ~~the first computer which is used to generate the list is a user computer located outside the shopping facility, and the list generated at the location remote from the shopping facility is communicated to the kiosk~~ through an electronic communication means.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising delivering a message to the user identifying items which are out of stock.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising identifying alternative available products.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising delivering marketing messages to the user on the list delivered in the user perceptible format.

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28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, the marketing messages are selected from the group comprising a discount coupon and competitive product availability.

29 (Cancelled).

30. (Currently amended) An improved shopping facility comprising:

at least one kiosk that generates a customer list of items to be purchased by each of a plurality of customers;

a self-scanning system that permits each of the plurality of customers to select items using a portable shopping terminal to maintain an updated list of selected items;

a plurality of checkout lanes to tender payment of the items selected for purchase by the customer; and

a shopping list distribution communication device that delivers the customer list presented on the kiosk to the portable terminal corresponding to the customer using the self-scanning system.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising automatically associating the user data file with a predetermined e-mail address such that the e-mail is delivered via the e-mail address.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising automatically indicating to the user that the e-mail is present.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, the presence of the e-mail is automatically indicated to the user via a portable terminal assigned to the user at the shopping facility.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, the user selects an option of the portable terminal to display the e-mail via the portable terminal.

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35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, the e-mail includes at least one item that was previously purchased.

36 (Cancelled).

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, the user perceptible format includes content in the form of at least one of image data, text data, audio data, and video data.

38. (Previously presented) A method for delivering a customer shopping list of items for use at a shopping facility, comprising:

transmitting from a store computer to a home computing device a list of previously purchased items, the list of previously purchased items is generated at the shopping facility based on purchase history of the user;

generating the customer shopping list of desired items on a home computing device;

transmitting the customer shopping list via an e-mail message to a store computer of the shopping facility;

storing the customer shopping list in a user data file on the store computer;

in response to a user request, transmitting the customer shopping list from the user data file to a kiosk for presentation to the user; and

thereafter, transmitting the customer shopping list to a portable terminal device of the user in a user perceptible format.

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40. (Currently amended) A shopping facility, comprising:

a messaging communication system that receives an electronic message generated by a customer, the message comprises a shopping list of items to be purchased;

at least one kiosk that ~~provides~~ generates a the shopping list of items to be purchased, the kiosk in communication with the messaging communication system such that the shopping list is provided ~~generated~~ based upon the message received from the customer;

a self-scanning system that permits the customer to select one or more of the items to be purchased using a portable shopping terminal to maintain an updated list of selected items; and

a plurality of checkout lanes to tender payment of the items selected for purchase by the customer.

41. (Currently amended) The shopping facility of claim 40, wherein the messaging communication system communicates the message in the form of e-mail such that the kiosk ~~receives~~ provides the list based upon a customer e-mail message.

42. (Currently amended) The shopping facility of claim 40, wherein a list of previously purchased items is communicated *via* an e-mail message from a computer local to the shopping facility to the kiosk, ~~to the portable shopping terminal, which~~ the list of previously purchased items is incorporated into the shopping list provided generated by the kiosk ~~at the shopping facility based on purchase history of the customer.~~

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43. (Previously presented) A system for delivering a shopping list of items for use at a shopping facility, comprising:

means for generating a list of desired items at a first location;

means for transmitting the list via an e-mail message to a store computer of the shopping facility;

means for storing the list in a user data file on the store computer and incorporating the list with other list information in the user data file;

means for retrieving the list using a kiosk that communicates with the store computer; and

means for communicating the list to the user in a user perceptible format that includes content in the form of at least one of image data, text data, audio data, and video data.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the list is communicated to a portable shopping terminal used by the customer in the shopping facility for scanning items for purchase.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

providing a container that is associated with a unique identification, such that one or more of the desired items purchased by the user are placed in the container; and

generating a list of the purchased items by scanning the one or more desired items placed in the container, which unique identification and the list of the purchased items are at least one of stored locally at the shopping facility and forwarded to the user via e-mail.